GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIRPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport policy has been drafted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the maximum foreign equity permissible to develop the crucial infrastructure in this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a)and (b):- Government has already promulgated Policy on Airport infrastructure in December 1997. The salient features of the Policy are as under:-
(i) In keeping with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards, airports will be modernised and upgraded to the level of International and Regional hubs.
(ii) Private Sector Participation will be encouraged with complete flexibility in ownership and management.
(iii) Fiscal incentives would be provided to those involved in infrastructure projects.
(iv)Airports Authority of India will provide Air Traffic Services in accordance with ICAO standards.
(v)New CNS/ATM (Communication Navigation Surveillance/AirTraffic Management) system would be introduced in accordance with ICAO Regional Plan.
(vi)World class ground and cargo facilities, emphasizing the speed as essence of air transport, would be provided. Dwell time of passengers and cargo would be reduced.
(vii)Emphasise will be given on increasing the share of non aeronautical revenue by optimising exploitation of resources available at airports.
(viii)There will be greater accent on modern technology and mechanisation to improve the effectiveness of airport security.

(ix)There will be greater cooperation between Central and State Governments in attracting and facilitating private investment in airport infrastructrue.

(x)Greenfield airport will be permited only when an existing airport is unable to meet the projected requirements of traffic or a new focal point of traffic emerges with sufficient viability.

(c):-Foreign equity participation in airport infrastructure venture will be permitted upto 74% with automatic approval and upto 100% with special permission.